

East of Scotland hit by icy weather

Snow falls have been causing problems for roads and schools in parts of the north and east of Scotland.

Most affected is Grampian County, with predictions that snow will spread to the rest of the country by the weekend.

Police said conditions across the area were treacherous and some high-level roads had been closed. Drivers were urged to take extra care.

More than 120 schools have been affected in Aberdeenshire.

The Met Office later issued a fresh warning of heavy snow for Orkney and Shetland and of widespread icy roads for those two areas as well as Angus and the Borders.

In the Borders region, Berwickshire and parts of Roxburghshire have seen a significant snowfall overnight, with up to three inches lying in some parts.

The A68 was among the routes worst affected.

Pupils at half a dozen schools in the east of the Borders were also sent home at 1300 GMT due to "deteriorating weather and transport issues".

Environment Minister said Scotland was prepared for the "icy blast" and that lessons were learned after last year's severe winter, with authorities planning well ahead.

"The Scottish government, councils and other key services across Scotland pulled together last year to deal successfully with the coldest winter since 1914," she said.

"This year we are confident that we have planned well ahead, with councils reporting record levels of salt supplies."

The Met Office forecast the cold snap to worsen over the coming days.

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A) Read the article and decide whether the following sentences are True or False.

1. The whole of the country has already been hit by heavy snow falls. _____
2. According to the police, the situation on the roads was unsafe. _____
3. About 12 schools in the Borders area had to close down after lunch. _____
4. This is reported to be the most severe winter since 1914. _____
5. The authorities believe they are ready to cope well with this cold winter. _____

